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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

J. Casimer Jacyna

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,6,8,16,18-20,22,31 and 32 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7,10-13,15,21,24-27,29,30 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9,14,17,23 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02232004.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

1. Applicant's election of group II and species no. 9, figure 19, in the reply filed on 7/21/2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. Claims 3, 6, 8, 16, 18-20, 22, 31 and 32 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 7/21/2005. In regard to claims 3, 6 and 18-20, the elected species of figure 19 does not include an intermediate body as called for in claim 3 and shown in nonelected figure 30, species no. 12, nor a bearing as called for in claim 6 and shown in nonelected figure 13, species no. 3, nor a spring as called for in claims 18 and 19 and shown in nonelected figure 29, species no. 11, nor a gear as called for in claim 20 and shown in nonelected figure 13, species no. 3.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith. Smith discloses an apparatus including a first hollow body 3, a second hollow body 4, an internal duct 2 that is attached to bodies 3 and 4 at points 5 and 8.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11-13, 21, 25-27 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosfelder. Rosfelder discloses an apparatus including a first

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hollow body 24, a second hollow body 22 with 14, an internal duct 20 that is attached to bodies 22 and 24 with screws as shown in figures 4 and 5, and a longitudinally extending rod 26 that is made from rigid material but compresses or is flexible in the longitudinal direction as claimed.

6. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carlson, Jr. Carlson discloses an apparatus that is of a construction that is capable of use in an engine as claimed including a first hollow body 34 with 38, a second hollow body 36, an internal duct 20 that is attached to bodies 34 and 36 at 35 as shown in figure 1, and a longitudinally extending rods 38 or 56.

7. Claims 9, 14, 17, 23 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

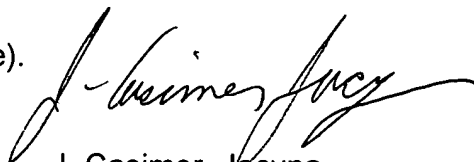
8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hulsey, Eshel and Wentworth teach other tube valves.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed. thru Fri. 9AM-7PM, Mon. 7AM-1PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 703-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Casimer Jacyna", written in a cursive style.

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